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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Norbert Hael et al. ) Art Unit: 1612  
Serial No.: 09/025,690 ) Examiner: Rotman, A.  
Filed: February 18, 1998 )  
For: DISUBSTITUTED BICYCLIC HETEROCYCLES, THE  
PREPARATION AND THE USE THEREOF AS  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS  
Attny. Docket No: 5/1213

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Washington, D.C. 20231



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN CPA**

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal for the above-captioned application. This CPA is being filed in order to facilitate consideration and entry of amendments after final rejection. Such final rejection was made in the Office action of July 14, 1999.

It is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that the period for response to the outstanding action of July 14, 1999 be extended by three months, so that it will now expire on January 14, 2000. The requisite fee is supplied by the enclosed FEE TRANSMITTAL (Form SB/17).

With such extension the filing of the instant CPA is timely.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due for the Petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), which is \$870.00, to Deposit Account 02-2955. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the office.

Before commencing examination of the CPA, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the application in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

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